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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (89-153) (P)

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]
U.S. District Judge
EDWARD R. BEAKER-
VICTIM
AFO
OO: Philadelphia

DATE: 8/30/74

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On 7/11/74 [REDACTED] Criminal Listings Section, City Hall, Pa., advised that the subject's case was further continued until 7/12/74 in Court Room [REDACTED] City Hall.

On 8/13/74 [REDACTED] Criminal Listings Section, City Hall, Pa., advised that the subject was tried before Judge BLAKE in Court Room [REDACTED] on 7/12/74 at which time the subject pled guilty and was sentenced to two years probation provided that he partake in outpatient treatment in a local mental health hospital.

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On 8/28/74 attempts to contact AUSA [REDACTED] [REDACTED] were negative inasmuch as he is on vacation until 9/3/74.

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AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.

1. Will contact AUSA [REDACTED] on 9/3/74 to advise him of the subject's local conviction.
2. Will submit report to the Bureau by 9/6/74 as requested by 01 received Philadelphia, 8/17/74.

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HARUTUN CHATSCHATURJIAN, 957 Foulkrod Street, was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and furnished the following information:

CHATSCHATURJIAN advised that on June 13, 1973, he and [redacted] were walking through Northwood Park, near Castor Avenue and Arrott Street, when he saw U.S. District Court Judge EDWARD R. BECKER coming through the park. BECKER said something to the effect "Help me, that man is after me." CHATSCHATURJIAN advised he then saw a young man with a belt wrapped around his hand, swinging the buckle and following Judge BECKER.

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CHATSCHATURJIAN advised he stepped in front of the young man as BECKER proceeded on toward 47th and Castor Avenue. CHATSCHATURJIAN stated he told the man to leave BECKER alone as he was a Federal Judge and could have the man arrested. The young man told him no one could arrest him and showed him a [redacted]

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CHATSCHATURJIAN advised the young man then ran off in pursuit of Judge BECKER who was flagging down a car on Castor Avenue. As the man approached the car, Judge BECKER got in the driver's side and drove off when the man started milling around the car.

CHATSCHATURJIAN stated that he then confronted the man again and told him BECKER was a Federal Judge and he could get in trouble for what he had done. CHATSCHATURJIAN advised the young man was very wild looking as if he were using drugs. He stated the man just walked off after making some incoherent statements.

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by SA [redacted] Date dictated 6/15/73

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Lieutenant JAMES GALLAGHER, Badge [] Northeast Detective Division, Philadelphia Police Department, Harbison and Levick, Philadelphia, Pa., advised that at 6:05 p.m., that date, a complaint was received from United States District Judge (USDJ) EDWARD R. BECKER that he had been assaulted in the Simpson Playground located on the south side of the 1000 block of Arrott Street.

BECKER had reported that a young man with a belt had assaulted him demanding money and chased him for over a block before he had got into a passing neighbor's car and was driven to his residence at 936 Herbert Street, Philadelphia. He said there the Judge called the police emergency number for a policeman. A patrol car driven by CHARLES SMITH, Badge [] 15th District, Philadelphia Police Department, responded and Judge BECKER and the neighbor who had picked him up, a JAMES TRAVIS, went with Officer SMITH to the playground and Judge BECKER and JAMES TRAVIS identified a young white male as being the assailant.

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Officer SMITH arrested this man and returned him to Northeast Detective Division. He was identified as [] Philadelphia, Pa.

On arrest, it was noted that [] was very obviously under the influence of some sort of drug. He was wild, incoherent, inarticulate, and very violent. When [] began tearing up the detective spaces, he was placed in a cell in the 15th District located in the same building with Northeast Detectives. Lieutenant GALLAGHER pointed out that he learned later that the subject, []

[] He said further that [] will be charged with attempted robbery and a simple assault but first he would be placed at the Mills Building, Philadelphia General Hospital, for detoxication.

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Detective THOMAS F. BOYD, Badge [REDACTED], Northeast Detective Division, Philadelphia Police Department, advised that after the arrest of subject [REDACTED] for the assault of United States District Judge (USDJ) EDWARD R. BECKER, he proceeded to the area of the Simpson Playground in the 1000 block of Arrott Street, Philadelphia, Pa., where he talked to numerous unidentified people as well as youngsters playing there and it was determined by him that subject, [REDACTED] had been hanging around the playground from the past two to three days in a very obvious state of confusion and disorientation and gave the appearance of being very much under the influence of drugs or alcohol during this time.

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Detective BOYD said that after the arrest of [REDACTED] he attempted on numerous occasions to talk with him, but he was completely "freaked out" on drugs and had no idea as to whom he was talking with or even that he was involved in a very serious situation.

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Detective BOYD advised that [REDACTED] could not have possibly realized that the action he took in the park was directed at a Federal Judge. He said that he is positive in his mind that [REDACTED] had no idea as to who he may have been attacking and quite possibly that he may not have known that he was doing this.

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Policeman CHARLES SMITH, Badge [] said that at approximately 6:08 p.m., on June 13, 1973, Wednesday, while patrolling in RPC #157, received radio message "Meet complainant, 936 Herbert Street."

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Upon arriving at this location he was met by Judge BECKER who then informed him that one white male, described as being []

[] threatened him with a belt and wanted his money. Judge BECKER advised that this occurred at the playground, Northwood and Arrott Streets. Judge Becker stated he tried to walk away from this male but the male kept following him and threatening him with the belt wrapped around his hand, and then the male started chasing him. Officer SMITH told complainant to get into police vehicle, passenger side, and witness (TRAVIS) to get in rear of auto. They drove to the playground, whereupon Judge BECKER and TRAVIS identified [] inside playground. [] was holding a patent leather blue belt in his left hand and at building in playground. Officer SMITH approached [] turned him around and handcuffed him from behind. Officer SMITH frisked [] no identification, nothing in pockets, and took the belt. He said that his PR number is []

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At approximately 9:00 p.m., June 13, 1973, SAs [redacted] went to the cell block of the 15th Police Precinct Police Station, Harbison and Levick and attempted to interview subject [redacted]

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On approaching the cell in which [redacted] was confined, the agents identified themselves and were met with a glassy stare and no response. SA [redacted] started to advise [redacted] of his rights, but then stopped and asked [redacted] if he understood what was being said and [redacted] then began babbling incoherently and talking in a random manner. He then said that "You must be on drugs as your eyes are all messed up". Another minute or two of conversation with [redacted] determined that he was completely unable at this time to be interviewed or comprehend what was taking place and no further interview was attempted.

The following background information on subject [redacted] was taken by both observation and police records:

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United States District Judge (USDJ) EDWARD R. BECKER, 936 Herbert Street, 4054 United States Courthouse, 9th and Chestnut Streets, stated that on Wednesday, June 13, 1973, at approximately 6:05 p.m., he was riding in the "K" bus west on Arrott Street in the 1000 block. At this time, he observed [] in the Simpson Playground, located on the south side of Arrott Street in the 1000 block. Judge BECKER then got off the bus at Castor and Arrott Streets to go back to the playground for []. He was wearing a raincoat, rainhat, and carrying two brief cases.

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Judge BECKER started back to the playground, walking east on Arrott Street towards Northwood Street. The main entrance to the playground is located at Northwood and Arrott Streets. As he neared this entrance, one white male, later identified as [] approached him from in front. [] was holding a dark colored leather belt wrapped around his right hand, with the buckle swinging from the top of his fist. [] had the belt raised over his head and approached him coming as close as two feet. [] swung the buckle in the face of BECKER and said "I'm going to get your money and I'm going to get you."

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At this time Judge BECKER started backing away from [] who still kept coming forward with the belt raised and speaking in a menacing tone of voice. He backed across Arrott Street, then across Northwood Street, and into the Northwood Park, with [] still coming at him. Judge BECKER was hollering for help and feared for his safety. He started at a fast pace through the park and [] also picked up speed, coming after Judge BECKER. Mr. BECKER ran past a neighbor, HARUTUN CHATSCHATURJIAN, and his [] and called for help, while still in the park.

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Judge BECKER ran through the park and onto Castor Avenue, 4700 block, and exited at Castor and Herbert Streets. At this time a passing motorist, JAMES TRAVIS, also a neighbor of the Judge, was driving north on Castor Avenue and heard the Judge call for help. TRAVIS stopped his auto and Judge BECKER got into the driver's side, TRAVIS moving over the the passenger

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side. [] came up to the passenger side of the auto and [] threatened the Judge with the belt as well as verbally. Judge BECKER drove off in TRAVIS' auto to his (BECKER's) home and phoned for the police.

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Within approximately ten minutes, Policeman SMITH, Badge [], 15th District, arrived at 936 Herbert Street. The officer then took Judge BECKER and Mr. TRAVIS with him in the police auto. BECKER and TRAVIS identified [] inside the playground at Northwood and Arrott Streets. Policeman SMITH arrested [] and recovered the belt from [] hand.

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Judge BECKER was not injured in this incident. He heard [] say several times "Give me your money". He stated that [] chased him for approximately one and a half blocks from the first point of contact at Northwood and Arrott Streets. He advised that he passed at least 12 to 15 persons during this incident and was calling for help, but that nobody would lend a hand. Judge BECKER stated that he does not know [] and to the best of his knowledge has not seen him anywhere before this date.

Judge BECKER advised that he is positive [] was under the influence of some sort of drug or narcotic. He said that in his mind, he does not believe that [] knew that he was a Federal Judge even though his neighbor, HARUTUN CHATSCHATURIAN, told [] that he was a judge, while being chased through the park.

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Judge BECKER also stated that he was not on official business at the time of the assault but was returning to his home from work and was carrying two brief cases full of work.

United States Department of Justice

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File #73-1543

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY
EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA
FOURTH FLOOR, U. S. COURTHOUSE
NINTH AND MARKET STREETS
PHILADELPHIA, PA. 19107

PHONE: 597-9490

July 6, 1973

Honorable William A. Sullivan
Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
500 Widener Building
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Attention: Special Agent [REDACTED]

Re: United States v. [REDACTED] U. S. District
Judge Edward R. Becker - Victim
89-1537

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Dear Sir:

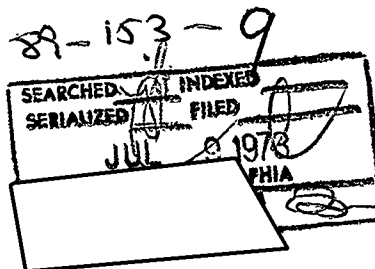
Please be advised that the above captioned case has been assigned to me. Although it appears that there was no federal violation, because of the nature of this matter it would be greatly appreciated if you would keep this office fully advised as to the progression of this prosecution. We would appreciate receiving written reports on this matter. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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United States Attorney
Criminal Division

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE PHILADELPHIA	OFFICE OF ORIGIN PHILADELPHIA	DATE 7/11/73	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 7/2-5/73
TITLE OF CASE U.S. DISTRICT COURT JUDGE EDWARD R. BECKER - VICTIM		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED BY lse b6 b7C
		CHARACTER OF CASE AFO	

REFERENCE

Philadelphia report of SA [REDACTED] dated 6/20/73.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

On 7/5/73, AUSA [REDACTED] EDPA, advised that due to the importance of the victim, this case has been reassigned to the AUSA in charge of criminal matters, [REDACTED]

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CONVIC.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES			
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (89-153) (P)

DATE: 8/29/73

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

U.S. DISTRICT COURT JUDGE
EDWARD R. BECKER - VICTIM

On 7/28/73 AUSA [REDACTED] advised that no further action has been taken by his department as yet. He advised that none is contemplated until possibly after subject has been tried in local court. This trial in all probability will not take place until October 1973.

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In view of case agent transfer to S-2 squad, it is recommended that this case be reassigned to SA [REDACTED] as he has conducted previous investigation in this case.

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Reassign to [REDACTED]

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REJC: [REDACTED]
File 73-1543

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY
EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA
FOURTH FLOOR, U. S. COURTHOUSE
NINTH AND MARKET STREETS
PHILADELPHIA, PA. 19107

PHONE: 597-9490

October 10, 1973

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Honorable William A. Sullivan
Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
8th Floor
Wm. J. Green, Jr. Federal Office Bldg.
600 Arch Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106

Attention: S/A [REDACTED]

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Re: [REDACTED] U.S. District Court Judge
Edward R. Becker - Victim

Gentlemen:

Please furnish us with a current update on the above captioned matter. We would like to know what is presently happening in the State Court with respect to the prosecution of [REDACTED] and whether he is in custody. Furthermore, kindly furnish us with a rap sheet on the above subject.

Very truly yours,

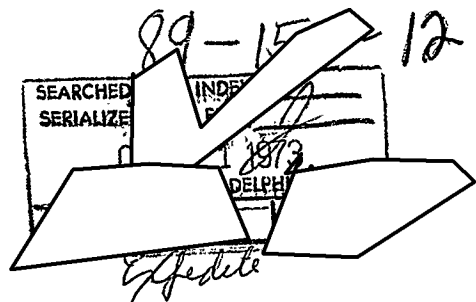
ROBERT E. J. CURRAN
United States Attorney

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BY: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] United States Attorney
Criminal Division



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REPORTING OFFICE PHILADELPHIA	OFFICE OF ORIGIN PHILADELPHIA	DATE 10/23/73	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 7/28 - 10/15/73
TITLE OF CASE [REDACTED] UNITED STATES COURT JUDGE EDWARD R. BECKER-VICTIM		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED BY bjm b6 b7C
		CHARACTER OF CASE AFO	

REFERENCE

Philadelphia report of SA [redacted] dated 7/11/73.

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PHILADELPHIA:

AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Will maintain contact with AUSA [redacted] EDPA.,
and Lieutenant [redacted] PHPD.

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TO : SAC, 89-153 (P)

DATE: 12/27/73

FROM : SA

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Re PH report of SA

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Re report advised AVSA [redacted] EDPa.
would take no further action until subject
was tried locally for assaulting Judge BECKER.

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On 12/27/13 Det. [redacted] advised subject's file indicates he has not yet gone to trial locally.

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Will maintain contact with [redacted] re subjects
trial date and report results to HUSA [redacted]

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REJC [REDACTED]

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY
EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA
FOURTH FLOOR, U. S. COURTHOUSE
NINTH AND MARKET STREETS
PHILADELPHIA, PA. 19107

January 31, 1974

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Honorable Edward R. Becker
Judge, U. S. District Court
4054 U. S. Courthouse
Ninth and Chestnut Streets
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107

Re: Commonwealth v. [REDACTED] - Assault on
United States Judge

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Dear Judge Becker:

Please be advised that this office was recently
informed that the [REDACTED] trial is presently scheduled
to commence on February 14, 1974, in Courtroom [REDACTED], City
Hall. If this office can be of any assistance to you in
any fashion please advise.

Very truly yours,

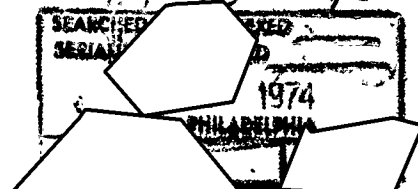
ROBERT E. J. CURRAN
United States Attorney

BY: [REDACTED]

Assistant United States Attorney
[REDACTED] Criminal Division

cc: FBI

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (89-153) A

DATE: 3/23/74

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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On 3/1/74 [REDACTED] Criminal
Listings Section, PH. City Hall, advised
that on 2/14/74 subject's case was
continued until 4/18/74 in Courtroom [REDACTED]

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Will follow local prosecution
and report same to AU SA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] for prosecutive opinion.

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DATE:

6/28/74

FROM :

SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT:

[REDACTED]
USDJ EDWARD R. BEAKER-
VICTIM;
AFO
(OO: PHILADELPHIA)

On 6/27/74 [REDACTED] Criminal Listings Section,
City Hall, Philadelphia, Pa., advised subject's case was
continued until 7/8/74 in Courtroom [REDACTED] City Hall.

It is recommended case be reassigned due to
case Agent's transfer.

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PHILADELPHIA:

AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Will follow local prosecution and report same
to AUSA [REDACTED] EDPa., for prosecutive opinion.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC PHILADELPHIA (89-153) P

DATE: 6/20/73

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]
USDJ EDWARD R. BECKER - VICTIM
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At approximately 6:05 PM 6/13/73, USDJ EDWARD R. BECKER was retruning to his home in northeast Philadelphia when he saw his [REDACTED] in a playground near his home. He started to go into this playground when a young white male, later identified to him as [REDACTED] came at him with a wide leather belt wrapped around his head and swinging the belt buckle at his face.

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[REDACTED] demanded money from the Judge. BECKER began backing away from him and then a chase developed over a block with Judge Becker finally making good an escape when a passing neighbor picked him up.

The neighbor and Judge BECKER then called the PHPD who drove them to [REDACTED] the vicinity of the playground when they saw and identified [REDACTED] as the assailant. [REDACTED] WAS arrested by the police and taken to NE Detective Division.

Both police detectives and SA's [REDACTED] attempted to interview [REDACTED] on the evening of 6-13-73 but were unable to as he was totally confused and disorientated. [REDACTED] was very obviously under the inflyence of drugs.

Judge BECKER advised on 6-14-73 advised that he also was of the opinion that [REDACTED] was under the influence of drugs at the time of the assault.

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AUSA [REDACTED] held any prosecutive opinion in obeysance as [REDACTED] was being charged by the Phila. police with simple assault and attempted robbery.

It is recommended that a new 89 case be opened and assigned

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